

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 32
By Brown

A RESOLUTION to ratify the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and to repeal House Joint Resolution 98 of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, on February 26, 1869, the Fortieth Congress of the United States of America, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of both Houses, submitted to the legislatures of the several states for ratification a proposal to amend the Constitution of the United States of America in the following words, to wit:

“AMENDMENT 15

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”;
and

WHEREAS, by proclamation dated March 30, 1870, this proposed amendment to the United States Constitution was officially declared to have been duly ratified by the legislatures of the constitutionally-required margin of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the several states; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is the only state in the Union whose legislature has never ratified the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly agrees with the principles of the Fifteenth Amendment; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution, quoted in the preamble of this resolution, is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That House Joint Resolution No. 98 (Act "Number LXXX") of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, which rejected the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, is hereby revoked, repealed, and rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a properly enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of State of Tennessee to the Archivist of the United States, Washington, D.C., in compliance with Pub. L. 98-497.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Tennessee; the members of the Tennessee Congressional delegation in Washington; the Vice-President of the United States, as presiding officer of the United States Senate; the Parliamentarian of the United States Senate; the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Parliamentarian of the United States House of Representatives, so that arrangements may be made for it to be published in the Congressional Record.